

Qwest Foundation

Nebraska Department of Education

**Technology Innovation
Grant**

Competitive Grant Application

Deadline: June 20, 2008

**Nebraska Department of Education
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509-4987**

**Jim Lukesh
Learning Technology Team**

Qwest Foundation Technology Innovation Grant Application

Project Director	Title	
Address	City/State/Zip	
e-mail address	Phone #	Fax #
LEA Name	LEA County/District #	
Address	City/State/Zip	
Superintendent	Phone #	Fax #
e-mail address	Federal ID #	
Educational Service Unit		
Students to be served	Educators to be served	Tech Plan certification #

Completed Applications must delivered or e-mailed to the Nebraska Department of Education by June 20, 2008 or be postmarked no later than June 20, 2008.

Deliver or mail applications to Jim Lukesh, Nebraska Department of Education, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509. E-mail to jim.lukesh@nde.ne.gov

Project Abstract

The Project Abstract must be limited to this page. (Single-side, one-inch margins, single-spaced, no smaller than 12 point Times font)

Please list the goals and a description of the proposal as well the way in which the proposal will enhance student achievement.

Scoring Rubric

All applications will be scored using a new rubric that is available at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/techcen/NDEGrantForms.htm>

Applicants should review and use the rubric as they develop their applications. The rubric identifies the expectations for each of narrative categories.

Narrative Categories

Proposal

To present the proposal including the area of focus, description of need and plan of action, use one side of no more than twelve sheets of standard 8 1/2 x 11 paper using no smaller than 10 point font and standard margins (1 inch) and double spacing

1. Description of Project	5 points
2. Educational Need	15 points
3. Vision, Goals and Activities	30 points
4. Personnel: School, District and/or ESU support	15 points
5. Local Evaluation	10 points
6. Dissemination and Communication	15 points
7. Holistic Score	10 points

Budget

Activity Description	100 - Salaries	200 – Employee Benefits	300 – Purchased Service/Lease Agreement	400 – Supplies & Materials/computer software	500 – Computer Hardware/equipment	600 – Travel/Professional Development	Total
Administration							
Internet Access							
Data Management System							
Professional Development							
Supporting Student Achievement							
Integrating Technology							
Parent Involvement							
Curriculum Integration							
Coordination of Services							
Total Object Code							

Up to two pages (to follow this form in the app.) may be used to explain your budget. These pages will not count against the twelve-page limit but are subject to the same directions.

General Assurances

1. The LEA/agency will use fiscal control and fund accounting procedures that ensure proper disbursement of and accounting for Federal funds paid to the LEA/agency under each program, and auditing will be in accordance with federal and state requirements.
2. The applicant agrees to keep such records and provide such information to the Department of Education as reasonably may be required for fiscal audit and program evaluation purposes.
3. The LEA will refund directly to the Nebraska Department of Education the amount of funds made available to the LEA, which may be determined by the Department or an auditor representing the U.S. Government, to have been misspent or otherwise misapplied.
4. The district is in compliance with Nebraska state statutes 79-234 through 79-240, R.R.S; (therefore, is in compliance with the requirements of the federal Unsafe School Choice Option, within NCLB, allowing for the transfer of a student who has been the victim of a violent crime).
5. The district has no policies that prevent or otherwise deny participation in constitutionally protected prayer under the principles outlined in the guidance issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to Section 9524 of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) (20 U.S.C. 7904(a)).
6. The control of funds provided under each program and title to property acquired with program funds will be in a public agency (or nonprofit private agency, institution, or organization or Indian tribe if authorized by law). This agency will administer such funds and property to the extent required by statute.
7. The LEA/agency agrees that it will comply with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendment of 1972, the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to legislation which require non-discrimination in employment and programs on the basis of race, national origin, gender, or disability.
8. Any applicant that does not receive final approval has an opportunity for a hearing under 34 CFR 76.401,(d)(2).

Superintendent of Schools/Administrator of ESU

Date

Letter of Agreement

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information in this application is correct and that the application has been authorized by this school district or consortium of districts and that this school district will meet the obligations set forth in this application.

(For a consortium application each participating district should fill out this form for their district only. For an individual application this is the only form necessary. If this form is being filled out for an individual district that is part of a consortium indicate the number of participating students and educators for your district only and do not fill out the funds per participant line.)

Consortium Partner

_____ Superintendent's Signature	# of participating students: _____
_____ Superintendent's Name (typed)	# of participating educators: _____
_____ Name of District	Funds requested per participant: _____
_____ County/District number	Tech Plan Certification #: _____
_____ Name of Project contact	E-mail address: _____
Telephone #: _____	Fax #: _____